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Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: TUCKER, Philip C.

Response to Office Action dated August 4, 2005

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In re Application of:

Applicant: HORTON, David P.

Group Art Unit: 1712

Serial No.: 10/604,733

Examiner: TUCKER, Philip C.

Filed: August 13, 2003

For: DRILLING FLUIDS, DRILLING FLUIDS ADDITIVES AND METHODS  
USEFUL FOR LIMITING TAR SANDS ACCRETION ON METAL  
SURFACES

Atty Docket: 49190-8

Box Patent Application Amendment  
The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

[XX] Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for responding to the Office Action, dated for a period of two months so that a response can be filed by January 4, 2006. The fee of \$225.00 is dealt with in the section below entitled FEES.

**CLAIMS FEES**

☐ No additional claims fee is required.

[XX] The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

	AFTER AMDT.	PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	
				RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	20	6	Extra x \$25	\$150.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	7	0	Extra x \$100	\$0.00
FIRST FILING OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIMS	--	--	--	+ \$180	--
TOTAL					\$150.00

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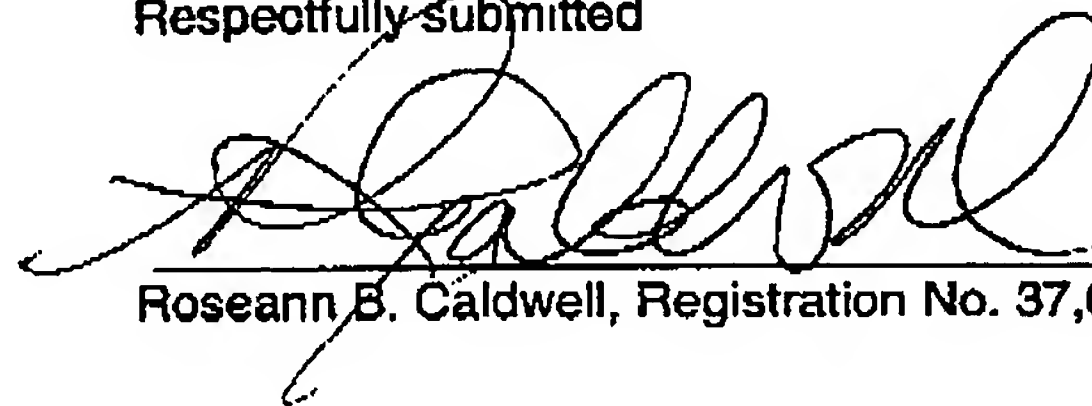
**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**FEES**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees totalling **\$375.00** for the two month extension fees of \$225.00 and the extra claims fees of \$150.00 and any further fees that may be required for entry of the amendment to our American Express credit card on file. Enclosed is the Credit Card Payment Form.

Respectfully submitted



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